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credit for in the forecasts on account of interest at 6 per cent on the sale-proceeds of waste lands is comparatively insignificant. The Government do not therefore consider it necessary to call for a detailed explanation from the Board of Revenue.

- (c) The question is hypothetical. The Government are unable to answer it.

Civil Justice

The Sarishtadar of the Guntur District Court.

* 1616 Q.—MR. G. R. PREMAYYA: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the Sarishtadar of the Guntur District Court has been kept in the same place over-long and if so, why; and

(b) whether it is a fact his castemen and relations are monopolizing the services in the Judicial department in the Guntur district under his influence?

A.—(a) & (b) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer to question No. 1377.

Hydro-Electric Schemes

Hydro-electrically driven wells and lift irrigation schemes.

* 1617 Q.—SYED TAJUDIN SAHIB Bahadur: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government will be pleased to call for and lay on the table all the data collected by the Chief Engineer for Irrigation with reference to any circulars issued by him to all Collectors in 1925 regarding hydro-electrically driven wells and lift irrigation schemes;

(b) why the unirrigable Kallar dry villages of Sengipatti firka (Tanjore district) and Arantangi and Tirutturaippundi taluks have been excluded from the power-supply stations and zones of the proposed Hydro-Electric Pykara scheme;

(c) whether the Government have since considered the desirability of including profitably all the non-deltaic unirrigable dry Kallar and Pallar villages of the Tanjore district, especially those having more than a population of 250 Muhammadans and Kallars within the proposed development schemes of hydro-electrically driven agricultural wells and the mechanical lift irrigation;

(d) what are the rates charged by the Government of Mysore for an acre of dry land irrigated by them now; and

(e) whether the Government will be pleased to lay on the table all the reports of the special officer Mr. S. K. Sundaracharlu, B.A., with a statement of the pay, special pay, travelling allowance, railway fare and motor fares drawn by him monthly during the term of his special duty?

A.—(d) The Government have obtained a note on the matter from the Chief Engineer for Hydro-Electric Development and are laying it on the table.*

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- (b) The Pykara scheme as now proposed will not extend as far as the Tanjore district in the first instance.
- (c) This will be a question for future consideration.
- (d) The Government do not know.
- (e) The Government are not prepared to comply with the request.

Mr. C. GOPALA MENON :—" May I know what the objection of the Government is for placing on the table of this House the report of the special officer in connexion with the hydro-electric schemes ? "

The hon. Sir C. P. RAMASWAMI AYYAR :—" It contains only tentative conclusions."

• Mr. C. GOPALA MENON :—" Cannot that be placed for the information of the hon. Members of this House ? "

The hon. Sir C. P. RAMASWAMI AYYAR :—" When a final resume of all investigations is placed on the table of the House, the question will be considered."

Irrigation

Maintenance of main channels under the Cuddapah-Kurnool canal.

* 1618 Q.—Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state in reference to the answer given to question No. 524 on 18th October 1927 regarding the maintenance of main channels under the Cuddapah-Kurnool canal—

- (a) whether the report referred to therein has been received ;
- (b) if so, what it is ; and
- (c) what action the Government propose to take thereon ?

A—(a) Yes.

(b) The gist of the report is as follows :—

The channel issuing from sluice No. 26 of the Kurnool-Cuddapah canal irrigates about 150 acres. Ryots in the higher reaches cut open the left bank and irrigate their fields. So, lands at the tail-end, including Medam Venkayya's, suffer.

The channel is merely a water-course and repairs to it should be done by the ryots themselves, as Government do not usually undertake the maintenance of such distributaries. A distributary channel branching off from the channel in question was in fact repaired before at the cost of the Government, but that was not in accordance with accepted policy.

The delay in passing orders on Medam Venkayya's petition is explained by the Collector thus :—

Venkayya petitioned the Collector in March 1926, but the question of the repairs to sluices had been under correspondence between the Collector and the Executive Engineer for some time previously. The Collector had inspected the sluices in question even before the receipt of Venkayya's petition and in consultation with the Executive Engineer arrived at what they considered might be adopted as a working policy in this particular case requiring the ryots to pay a fair contribution. The Collector